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Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Betsy Johnson, Co-Chair
Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair
Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward, Rayfield, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI), Siletz Tribal Council, I am writing in support of state funding for the Greater Toledo Aquatic & Community Center, which serves the rural east area of Lincoln County, including our Siletz community. The CTSI has demonstrated support for the pool through two grants, totaling \$15,700, from our Charitable Contribution Fund.

This pool is the only one in close proximity of our area and is well used by our tribal members, Head Start Program, and community. It provides vital exercise and social contacts for elders, swimming lessons and after school and summer programs for our youth, and is an important recreational resource for families. In addition, because the fees are very low (less than half of the fees at most pools), low-income individuals and families can afford to participate in use of the pool. In fact, during the gradual re-opening due to the COVID-19 impacts in Lincoln County, the pool is not charging admission at this time.

Because the Greater Toledo Pool and Recreation District was established, and a property tax for the operation and maintenance of the pool was passed by voters in 2018, the continued operation of the pool is guaranteed, which makes the necessary renovation of the building and replacement of the 80 year old tank a good investment for state funding.

We appreciate the consideration of the Committee and hope the funding request for the Greater Toledo Aquatic & Community Center will be successful, as it is greatly needed.

Respectfully,

Alfred Lane, III
Tribal Council Vice-Chairman